



World Subud Association

Bringing together Subud members around the world

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# Together as One

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2016 Annual Report



The name **Subud** is a contraction of the Sanskrit words, Susila, Budhi and Dharma, meaning: "a human being who develops and expresses true human character that arises from his/her inner self, through the surrender, trust and sincerity towards Almighty God".

The founder of Subud, Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo, was born in Indonesia in 1901 and died in 1987. Bapak (father), as he was affectionately known, spontaneously received his first experience of a spiritual practice (later called latihan kejiwaan of Subud) in 1925. Eventually he understood that the latihan kejiwaan was not just meant for himself alone.

Following the spread of Subud to the West in 1957, Bapak travelled around the world, giving talks and explanations about this path. Today, his daughter, Ibu Siti Rahayu Wiryohudoyo, continues to give talks in much the same fashion.

Through this practice, each person may discover his/her own inner nature, potential, talent and guidance in life, in accordance with his/her unique capacity and commitment.

Subud encourages the expression of individual's qualities and talents, through the form of cultural expressions, enterprises, education, healthcare and the support for those in need.

The international Subud organization exists to serve the member countries and to facilitate the development of Subud and its expression in the world. It organizes gatherings, disseminates talks by Bapak and Ibu Rahayu, supports the acquisition of Subud premises, helper visits, publications, web sites, and access to and support for networks of Subud members.

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# Message

from the WSA Team

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In 2016 we continued to work together as one body in harmony guided by the latihan knowing that progress can only happen when we work together in unity.

Meetings and events around the world brought together members of our team, these meetings were often held in conjunction with a local congress or zonal events so we could keep in touch with the membership. We additionally had a working meeting in the spring which was necessary to renew our efforts to manifest our goals and our commitment to the service of Subud during the remainder of our term. Working through email and skype is very supportive but doesn't replace face to face meetings.

We participated actively in the joint Zone 3 and 4 gathering in Poland where more than 400 Subud members young and old came together. The main topics were the preparation of the World Congress in 2018, copyright and publication issues, working groups on WSA Archives and IT issues.

The Americas gathering in Cali, Colombia was a second gathering which saw many of us come together on different levels. The "Gran Salon" in the International Subud Center Amanecer in Colombia was a major topic. A working group from WSA, Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF), Subud Colombia, Fundación Amanecer and wing chairs are working on a strategy to bring life into this center, renovating the building in 2 phases with the support of the MSF as well as separate fundraising efforts. The title is currently held by MSF for the World Subud Association. MSF is considering finding new title holders to take over the administrative responsibility.

The World Subud Council meeting (WSC) was held in September in Salobreña, Spain. One of the important outcomes of this meeting was the importance of the wings working in an integrated way to create a greater impact in the world. The plans for a joint youth gathering in Kalimantan (Basara Youth Camp) were presented as a first experiment in this joint venture field of the wings. The zone representatives supported by the international helpers and wing chairs, worked hard to set the goals for the next year which would be the year to lead us to 2018, the final step to World Congress. It was determined that our next council meeting would be held in Freiburg using the world congress venue.

The World Congress Organizing Team worked diligently to establish the plan for the flow of the congress. Around 28 members have joined as volunteers to head the work of organizing such an event and to work with the city of Freiburg to make sure that the venue is well suited to facilitate our coming together for the work of Subud in the future. We see and acknowledge the fact that our youth need to take an active part in establishing the overall content and flow of congress 2018.

The year's events culminated in the exemplary work of all those who planned, facilitated and oversaw the "Basara Youth Camp" in Kalimantan/Indonesia. This camp saw over 150 young people from all over the world come together to grow in their understanding of Subud and the presence and importance it has in their own lives. An important focus was the joint work of all wings present in support of the young members in planning and implementing projects for the benefit of their lives and Subud.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank George Demers, Youth Activities Coordinator who passed away on the last day of the Basara Youth Camp in Kalimantan, his final gift to Subud was in the great work done by all for the facilitation of this camp. Thank you, George.

Sincerely,  
The WSA Team



# Zone Activities

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## Zone 1 & 2

### Asia Pacific

Zone 1 & 2 had their annual meeting at the Rungan Sari resort center in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia. Those who attended the meeting represented many of the countries in the zone including Australia, India, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, Thailand. All six international helpers from the area were present as well as guests from the WSA team, and members from UK, Norway, Germany, and Australia.

The “Basara” youth camp was also held in Rungan Sari in December which saw some 150 youth from all over the world come and grow together. To be noted is the hard work done by the youth of Indonesia and Zone 1 to facilitate the successful outcome of the camp. The wing chairs, Sebastian Flynn from SICA, Hadrian Fraval from SESI, Camille Roberts representing SIHA and Solen Lees for SDIA supported

the event. The wings also held workshops to familiarize the youth with their work and to give them the opportunity to feel for themselves the importance of each wing in their lives.

The zone also welcomed visits by the international helpers throughout the year who had meetings with many of the helpers and Kejiwaan Councilors. The IHs also visited many countries throughout the zones. Their visits are well received by all and make for good contact throughout the countries and their members.

# Zone 3

## Western Europe

The Zone held its annual meeting and Gathering in July in conjunction with Zone 4. The intention was for the delegates of both Zones to meet for some of the time in large plenaries, but the unexpected resignation of Andrea Vivit, our Zone Representative, led to a last minute rearrangement of the programme. Despite this we held a positive and productive meeting, chaired by Matthew Weiss, the new Representative, who was tested in. During this meeting Rodrigo Rogers was appointed as youth coordinator for the zones. Muctar Nankivell became the SES representative for the zone. Our approved budget had substantial allowances for Kejiwaan and Youth activity, and for projects in the Zone. The zone raised money, and nine young people went to the Basara camp held in Kalimantan in December.

### Activities in the Member Countries:

Spain: The Alpujarra Group's new purpose-built Subud Centre was officially opened during the WSC meeting, which Subud Spain hosted in Salobreña in September.

Portugal: Inaugurated a new Subud house in Porto, and hosted a meeting of the Zone Kejiwaan Councillors dewan.

France: Subud France has been examining a possible merger with Susila Dharma France and renovated their Subud Paris house. Their proposal to World Congress 2014 is being reviewed and is part of WSC considerations.

Italy: Their Subud House in Florence is located in an area increasing in value and therefore considered a good investment despite maintenance costs. The group is considering the possibility of renting it out on a monthly basis. This would cover taxes, general costs, and provide funds for helpers' travel and zone contributions.

Netherlands: Although the organisation is going through a difficult period, the monthly

national helper meetings with the national committee, and their visits to the groups, are very harmonious.

Ireland: has a widely scattered membership, which they have come to regard as 1 group. The 24 members have latihan in 3 locations, but get together for national gatherings, which are well attended.

Britain: The high public profile of the proposed St Anne's project in Lewes raised important issues for Subud members to the outside world. The decision that Subud Britain keep its status as a charity was a positive outcome from the long investigation by the Charity Commission. In the interests of transparency, and to meet contemporary expectations, the National Council approved an official Complaints Policy, and began work on a Policy for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

Belgium: is represented at Zone meetings by a helper from Brussels, but is otherwise very quiet.

# Zone 4

## Central & Eastern Europe

In 2016 one of our main focus' as a zone was the collaborative effort between zone 3 and 4 to have a joint meeting. This proved to be an excellent way to bring the European zones together. The strength of Zone 4 lies in the great variety of cultures, languages and nationalities. This has positive sides and at times it is difficult and challenging in the area of communication. The many cultures in particular have a strong impact on our zone. Working together as a Zone Dewan is marked by great respect and a willingness to find mutual understanding among nations from Norway to Israel and Austria to Russia including Lebanon, Ukraine and many more. Many of the members in our zone have very busy lives and often struggle economically. Nevertheless, through the support of Zone 4 and Zone 3 the meeting in Poland which brought together over 400 people from around the world was an extremely blessed and important event.

The meeting in Poland was for families, youth, older folks, helpers, members, wing representatives and members of WSA. The family SYFA which is the British version of the SYIA Wing is dedicated to support children of

Subud members and families during gatherings. These gatherings, as was seen in Poland, is a place that is safe for children to deepen their relationship and to have a platform to ask their questions about Subud. It is a very productive part of how to grow up in Subud and to be seen by the membership as part of them.

The Zone 3 and 4 established a well functioning team of young representatives who maintain lively communication among each other and with young people in the world. There was a huge effort to raise money to send young people to attend the Basara Camp in Kalimantan one of the main activities of the SYIA wing.

The Zone 4 newsletter is published every 6 weeks with news from the zone countries and international news. This helps to keep in touch and to foster a closer relationship between the countries.

## Zone 5 & 6

### Africa

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There are basically two countries that are active in Zone 5 - Nigeria and South Africa. In the other countries there are a number of isolated members. The Malawian group is just beginning to become active with a small dedicated population of Subud members. Many thanks to Olivia Brady who went there with another helper and spent time doing latihan and talking with members. The year was quiet as there were no large meetings planned. However, we are preparing for the 2017 Zonal meeting to take place in South Africa.

In Zone 6, there are some 15 Subud members in Algeria. In Tunisia, there is only one member who does many translations for us. The other four countries are DR Congo, Angola, Congo Brazzaville and Benin.

We felt there was a lack of support for members and communication among these four countries is lacking. This unfortunate situation is caused by the absence of regular visits by the zone representative and national and international helpers. There has also been a lack of feedback from messages sent by the zonal representative to the countries.

Nevertheless, there was a successful outcome for the Kingantoko center in DR Congo which had a longstanding land dispute with its neighbor. The land has now been formally and legally returned to the group.

SDIA and DR Congo will inaugurate a new Community Health Centre, the fourth, in Kwilu Ngongo in Central Congo at the closing of the Zone 6 meeting in September 2017.

The group in Inkisi in Central Congo obtained financing for the construction of its latihan hall and the Kinshasa Subud center obtained as well the financing for the renovation of a second building; both works were in process during 2016.

Our most ardent hope is to be able to see a reconciliation of the two groups which have been in dispute in Angola, the reactivation of the group in Benin and the renewal of activities in Congo Brazzaville.

## Zone 7

### North America

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In early February the Zone 7 Council meeting was held in Port of Veracruz, Mexico. Delegations from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba and Suriname were present. In addition to sharing information about the current situation of Subud in each country, it was decided to develop an event that specifically supports the youth within the Zone.

Zone 7 representative Fernando Fatah Nieva attended Mexico's National Congress in March, the annual meeting of the California Regional Council and the US National Congress in Indianapolis where the new chair, Mary Wold was selected.

The meeting of the Americas, which is celebrated every four years was held in Cali, Colombia in 2016. Many members from around the world attended. A working meeting on the development of the Amanecer International Center was held during the event.

Fernando also participated in regular virtual meetings with members of both the Zone 7 Council and the World Subud Council. The meetings were aimed at working through the goals set by the Council during its annual meeting in Chile in 2015.

## Zone 8

(Northern) South America

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With support from the National Committee, Subud Colombia held regional meetings and hosted visits by the national helpers. The representative of Zone 8 also attended these events and explained about the administrative and kejiwaan role of Subud. This is in line with Bapak's advice to "Work together, but with different roles." There was also a successful gathering in Ecuador.

The youth representatives, Konrad Muñoz and Arif Rivero (Zone 7) met and worked hard, in cooperation with SICA, on plans for a youth gathering in 2017 in Area 3. Konrad Munos was very active working on SICA projects including a television broadcast, support for SICA Latin America and on various aspects of the Zone 8 meeting. Further SES has made strides in the zone.

In July of 2016, Colombia hosted the Americas gathering in Cali – This was a meeting that was well attended by over 300 members from inside and outside the zone. Some of our WSA team members were present including Elias Dumit, Lucia Boehm, Ismanah Schulze-Vorberg as well as all the area 3 international helpers. During that time, work on the Gran Salon restoration project in Amanecer made progress with support from many of the stakeholders.

## Zone 9

(Southern) South America

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In 2016 year the zone representative, Urraida Arratia, attended many of the meetings in the Area, including the Americas Gathering in Cali and supported the efforts of the Amanecer project made during this gathering. Regular skype calls in area 3 helped to keep members working together and informed of the various projects taking place in the zone. The kejiwaan councilors in the zone worked harmoniously with the international helpers during their visits.

Peru saw the receipt of a grant through SD Canada which will bring together three different projects with Peru University in Lima. The projects, ICDP Peru, Asociacion Vivir and Children's Garden of Peace will work to develop a teacher training program for educators and nursing students.

# International Helpers

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We continue to support SYAI, SICA, WSA Archives, Care Support, and the WSA Officers, and have active roles as members of the WSC. Work on the new edition of the Helper's book has been a major undertaking for a core team throughout the year with active input from the entire Dewan.

## Area 1

### IHs

Istigomah Jenkins, Lewis Hayward, Nahum Harlap, Matthew Moir, Rashida Cooper, and Rosario Moir

Area 1 encompasses a huge geographic region with an enormous diversity of cultures, languages, and religions. There are 14 countries with a Subud presence and the membership represents a large proportion of the Subud world, given that Indonesia is in this Area. Accordingly, when we travel we generally need to include several countries and their groups. An important focus is our work with national helpers. The understanding of Subud and the latihan varies from country to country, and those countries which have little access to Bapak's and Ibu's talks in their own language have a particular need for international helper visits.

One of the highlights for the year was our visit to Kalimantan. In addition to visiting the groups we spent several days doing kejiwaan activities with the national helpers for the region, as well as regional and local helpers. The Zone 1 & 2 meeting in Rungan Sari followed, which was also the first for this term. This provided an opportunity to work with the Kejiwaan Councilors and to support their roles at the meeting and in kejiwaan activities. Six countries were represented – Australia, India, Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand, and Thailand.

This year we began our visits to groups in Australia, as our 2015 visit had been to the National Congress. In October we attended the Northern New South Wales gathering,

where we met with the National Helpers and participated in productive kejiwaan activities. Later in the year we visited the groups in Sydney and Melbourne.

We also travelled to Japan where in addition to visiting several groups, we attended national kejiwaan gatherings in Sakado and Misaki, South Osaka. We later heard the wonderful news that the Subud House in Sakado, which was owned by a Subud couple and purpose-built for use by the family and Subud, had been gifted to Subud Japan.

The countries that we visited in 2016 were India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, the Middle East, Australia, and Japan. We finished the year by attending the Basara youth camp, which spanned into the new year.

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## Area 2

### IHs

Arrifin Konrad, Dahliani Drejza, Olivia Brady, Sahlan Crona, Sjarifah Roberts, and Valentin Pizzi

Area 2 is the largest of the 3 areas and covers 45 countries that have a Subud presence. There are more than 30 languages spoken. The cultural differences are enormous. Zone 3 consists of fairly well established Subud countries. In Zone 4 more than half of the countries are quite young and Zone 5 and 6 consist of small groups scattered across a vast continent with the exception of South Africa. It is difficult to tend to all the different needs in such a diverse setting.

In 2016 Area 2 IHs managed to visit 15 countries. The highlight was the bi-zonal 3 and 4 meeting in Poland attended by more than 400 people from all over Europe. We worked with all the Kejiwaan Councillors (KCs) in depth and tested with members. There were also a few openings. Zone 3 is well established while Zone 4 is more dynamic and it was a blessing to witness how these two Zones can contribute to each other.

In September we attended the WSC meeting in Salobreña, Spain and it became apparent that Sanderson Topham from the UK could not continue his duties as an IH. It was agreed that another helper should be tested to step in as an IH which was done in November together with Area 1 and 3 IHs. This resulted in Valentin Pizzi joining the Area 2 Dewan.

In December we all met at the 50 years celebration in Austria to get in touch and test which countries should be visited next and by whom.

During our visits we made it a priority to work with KCs and National Helpers. We met many members and helpers who are deeply devoted to Subud and Bapak. Of course there are shrinking groups but this seems to be outweighed by the quality of the latihan.

Apart from our travelling duties we continue to support the WSA team, WSA Executive team, the Archives and the new edition of AGBH. A new area of support was the World Congress Organizing Team (WCOT).

2016 was a busy but rewarding year. Our thanks and gratitude go to all those who support our work from behind the scenes. Among the many we want to mention is Ibu's Office in Indonesia which was very helpful in many ways.

We also want to thank Sanderson for his work in the Dewan and we welcome Valentin to our team.

## Area 3

### IHs

Suzanne Renna, Sarita Rodriguez Martinez, Myriam Ramsey, Hoan Toan Phan, Mahmud Nestman, Sjarifuddin Harris

Local and national groups each have their own particular challenges, concerns and questions. When International Helpers visit it brings people together and opens a path for addressing - through discussion, latihan and testing - things that may be undermining the foundations of our combined intention to worship God together and live according to our most human potential. Although the number of active members is declining in some places, we find that those who remain, and those who are just coming to Subud, bring a particular vibrancy for which we feel very grateful. Our visits help to reaffirm the connection we have as brothers and sisters around the world - a true sense of belonging to a deeply spiritual and precious family devoted to becoming better human beings through the latihan.

In February, all six of us participated in visits to 12 groups in Colombia. Testing about the roles and jobs of the local helpers and their ability to function harmoniously produced excellent results for all. In March, Sjarifuddin and Myriam attended the California helpers meeting which was a "capacity building meeting" and saw many helpers attending and taking part. The USA National congress in July was attended by two helpers, and the entire dewan of IHs attended the Americas Gathering in Cali, Colombia, in August, as well as the WSC meeting in Salobreña, Spain which took place in September. The dewan gathered together

to support the Council members by dedicating some time to kejiwaan work and testing for new trustees and places for various meetings around the world. It is also a time when the entire dewan of 18 helpers comes together to work out their plans for the following year.

In December, Myriam, Suzanne and Sjarifuddin went to the Regional gathering in Phoenix, Arizona and visited Daniela Moneta in the archive center. It was a revelation to see how dedicated Daniela is and how much material is stored in this center for the future generations of Subud.

Myriam, Hoan Toan and Suzanne met via Skype weekly, when they weren't traveling, to work on researching quotes from Bapak and Ibu Rahayu for a revised edition of Bapak's Advice and Guidance for Helpers. They then met with other International Helpers from Areas 1 and 2 sharing this task. Hoan Toan and Suzanne attended SDIA Board calls monthly as liaisons. Sarita attended meetings on Amanecer. Area 3 helpers supported the WSA team by doing latihan with team members and participating in various Skype calls both for the team and Area 3.

In 2016, the IHs also attended the Zone 7 meeting in Mexico, California Helpers' meeting, regional gatherings in the US and the San Diego, California group.

# Wings

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## Muhammad Subuh Foundation

### Summary Report 2016

MSF serves to build a lasting financial capacity for the Subud Community and supports Subud groups around the world in their efforts to own property. It further supports international helpers' travel and international archival preservation. MSF continues its ongoing collaboration with WSA towards our common goal: the worldwide growth and long-term development of Subud.

#### 2016 Total Awards: USD

Houses 108,251  
IH 50,000  
Archives 50,000

#### PPK SUBUD INDONESIA/KULON PROGO, USD 7,462

To build a Subud house at Kulon Progo, Central Java. USD 25,000 has been collected from the local members.

#### SUBUD COLOMBIA/POPAYAN, USD 11,839

Awarded for renovations and capital improvements to the kitchen, bathrooms and roof of the Subud house at Popayan.

#### SUBUD ITALY, USD 2,500

For capital improvements to the Florence Subud house so that it will be more easily rentable for income in the short term.

#### YAYASAN SUBUD, USD 4,305

To improve the roof and dome of the latihan hall at Wisma Subud, Cilandak, Indonesia. Yayasan Subud manages and maintains certain properties, including the latihan hall and guesthouse at Wisma Subud. USD 4,305 was raised for this purpose from donations of Subud members in Jakarta and around the world.

#### SUBUD COLOMBIA/CALI, USD 20,000 GRANT AND USD 40,000 LOAN

To build a second floor and renovate the roof and ceiling of the Subud House at Cali, and to purchase an adjacent plot of land.

#### SUBUD ALPUJARRA, SPAIN USD 2,650

Supplementary grant for floor tiles. This was supplementary to the USD 50,000 Grant awarded in 2015 to build a new Subud house.

#### SUBUD COLOMBIA/AMANECER LOCAL GROUP, USD 5,000

For Salon Quindio, the local Amanecer Subud group's latihan premises, for roof renovation, structural renovations to entrances and doors, windows, toilets, kitchen, office, electrical repairs, and painting.

#### SUBUD PORTUGAL/LISBON, USD 10,000

For mortgage payments on the Lisbon Subud house.

#### Other major highlights:

In 2016, board entered into a landmark agreement with a strengthened Fundación Amanecer. They became the site managers of the MSF fixed asset which is the Gran Salón at Amanecer, Colombia. The Fundación was granted USD 36,000 for phase 1 renovations. WSA, as part of its 2016 fundraising, has reimbursed MSF USD 11,000 of these expenses since the Foundation had only budgeted USD 25,000 for phase 1,

# Susila Dharma International Association (SDIA)

The incredible results of the Susila Dharma International Association are made possible by impressive partnerships – among project leaders in different countries, Susila Dharma Nationals, individual Subud donors, funding organisations and our international team.

During 2016, we placed special emphasis on developing our internal and external capacity to ensure our collective impact is sustained over time. From mutual agreements on standards, to the training of project leaders, to the implementation of effective transnational partnerships, through SDIA, Subud members are creating opportunities for people in communities around the world to live healthier and more productive and meaningful lives.

## Forming partnerships to implement solutions

Last year, SDIA brought together four organizations – SD Canada, ICDP Peru, Asociación Vivir and A Child's Garden of Peace – to develop a successful proposal to train 200 teachers and nursing students at a University in Lima in an approach for working with communities to improve early childhood development. SDIA, Anisha Foundation (India), and SD USA collaborated with funder US-Based Guru Krupa Foundation (GKF) for a four-year project to teach 1,400 middle and high school students to grow vegetables in 743 organic kitchen gardens that were established to improve their family's nutritional and economic health.

The joint initiative to buy a hydraulic brick-making machine in the DR Congo finally bore fruit. A brick-making operation at Kingantoko is producing low-cost, quality construction materials for new health centres and education projects built by SD Congo.

The Buchan International Fund also provided the means for SDIA to leverage the funds of many donors to create a much-needed clean water supply system for the Hospital Centre of CEDERI-Madimba and the 4,500 villagers in Kimbololo.

## Emergency relief

Donors supported the efforts of Hamilton Pevac and Devika Gurung to assist the village of Banpale in Nepal to reconstruct nine homes using earthquake-resistant materials and techniques, and to construct water system that will benefit 88 villagers.

## Reaching out to Subud members and the wider world

The Susila Dharma network gathering and AGM was held at the Zone 3 &4 meeting in Poland, and SDIA was also present at the Basara youth gathering

In addition, SDIA hosted a side event at the 31st session of the Human Rights Council at the United Nations in Geneva with a small delegation of project leaders who presented on the theme of 'Hearing Children's Voices'.

You can read more SDIA highlights in our 2016 Annual Report in 3 languages!

[www.susiladharm.org](http://www.susiladharm.org)

# Subud International Cultural Association

## Culture compass and SICA Enterprise

Developing viable SICA enterprises is a key part of SICA's strategic vision this term, and SICA chair, Sebastian Flynn, has encouraged this approach via his own innovative workshop initiative, the Culture Compass®, designed primarily for individuals, teams, organizations, or communities looking to reorient themselves on their creative journey. It is like a navigational tool for the inner creative direction of our life. It has achieved remarkable results in a range of international settings including senior federal government management training, tertiary education, multicultural community sector and individual creativity workshops

Following initial rounds of Cultural Competence training workshops for senior management in early 2016, of which the Culture Compass was an integral part, the federal Department of Human Services in Australia requested a further round of Culture Compass Workshops from October - December 2016. The workshops have also been very well received by community arts groups in Caloundra, Queensland; Lewes, UK, Olszynek; Poland, and Queensland University of Technology Leadership and Innovation Program for graduates.

## Poems for Peace and Peace Day initiatives

SICA has also continued and expanded its work for Peace, especially its Poems for Peace® and related programs that happen every September in honor of the United Nations International Day of Peace. Additional Poems for Peace® programs took place in North and South America as well as Europe. The program, which began in Austin, Texas in 2012, has expanded to a city-wide collaborative event called Peace

Day Austin that is honored by the Mayor of Austin. Peace Day Austin 2016 engaged close to two million people!

## SICA growing around the world

Further exciting developments for SICA are the growth of SICA in Latin America, with SICA activities now happening in Mexico, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, and Argentina. The SICA Board hopes this activity will flourish into creative enterprise.

Hats off to Marius Grose and his team at SICA UK. They are growing by leaps and bounds, have a wonderful website and online magazine with strong projects in the works and ongoing encouragement of the many creative people in Subud UK..

Mitchell Reese, the Chair of SICA Australia and an amazing puppeteer, has inspired work in Australia and Kalimantan, Indonesia. Mitchell has also done great work in offering grant support to creative projects.

SICA-USA has built a successful grant program to support cultural initiatives in the USA and they also get to delight in the wonderful cello concerts of its chair, Hamilton Cheifetz. EURO-SICA activities flourished at the gathering in Poland and more is building as we move toward the Subud World Congress in Freiburg in 2018.

A special shout out to SD Germany and SICA Board Member, Erica Sapir, for her very moving work this last year with refugees in Bonn. The short film, "Who Is the Enemy?" is a true example of the latihan at work – of Susila Budhi Dharma.

## Subud International Health Association (SIHA)

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This year saw the finalisation of the arrangements for the administration of a bequest left to SIHA by a Subud member in the UK. The bequest will be held by the WSA and used or applied as advised by the UK SIHA members.

SIHA participated in the international youth gathering (Basara) in Kalimantan together with all the other wings. It was a very successful event and will hopefully be repeated.

Thanks to the efforts of Howard Richman, from June 2016 SIHA now has an operational

website which includes a separate area for Subud members to communicate together. In October, the 11th Open Circle in the UK was organised by SIHA. The Open Circle encourages communication in a profound way in a safe and supportive environment.

At the Zones 3 & 4 gathering in Poland it was decided to hold a workshop in Vilnius, Lithuania in November. The theme was 'the latihan and our way to health'.

## Subud Youth Activities International

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During 2016, the biggest and most time consuming activity was preparing for the Basara camp which took place from the end of December through the beginning of January at the Subud complex, Rungan Sari in Central Kalimantan. The team of young Indonesians with the representative from area 1, Davina Flynn, worked during the entire year to prepare this gathering. Some 150 youth from 19 countries and representing a multi-cultural and religious melting pot came together to work on projects and on creating short-term enterprises. The SESI arm of Subud provided an incentive for the creation of enterprises by making grants available to participants.

One of the main ideas of Basara was to bring together all the different wings of Subud so they could join forces and support workshops that would allow the young members of Subud a way to understand from within the place that each wing; SICA, SIHA, SESI, SDIA holds for them.

Some of the youth came early as attendees of the Human Force camp in Kalimantan which took place in December, saw the youth supporting the social projects in Kalimantan.

The team that facilitated the meeting are to be congratulated on their hard work and accomplishment.

The zone 3 and 4 family gathering in Poland brought together many young people who organized themselves as a team for the first time. They joined hands as a team working hard to bring together youth from all over the world and to find innovative ways of communicating and doing projects.

Our area 1 representative Rahman Schionning moved to the US and Robiyanto Sumohadiwidjojo, was nominated to represent the area during Basara.

# WSA Archives

Subud is not for us alone and we have a duty of care to ensure there is a complete and authentic record showing how the gift of the latihan kejiwaan of Subud came into the world and how it spread and developed by the Grace of Almighty God through Bapak Muhammad Sumohadiwidjojo.

The 2014 World Congress again recognised the importance and relevance of the WSA Archives for Subud and, for this to be reflected in the constitution of the WSA.

Accordingly, while work has continued in the various archives as resources and situations allow, those involved in the archives globally have made considerable, additional effort to meet regularly via skype in order to develop, via the documents below, a lasting structure for the long term with the aim to strengthen the foundation of Subud and better enable a visible, useful, lasting, permanent legacy for

### **Bapak's work in our archives via:**

- 1:** a bylaw for inclusion in the WSA constitution at the 2018 World Congress to anchor the archives permanently in the structure of Subud. The draft bylaw has been sent to the WSA executive/World Subud Council for circulation and consideration by all members prior to World Congress 2018,
- 2:** a Charter defining the purpose and operation of the WSA archives, which includes quantifying and confirming an appropriate WSA Archive framework to better facilitate development of the archives into the future,
- 3:** Development of the archive Charter includes establishing a stronger and more stable funding base for the archives.

### **Preservation of Bapak's talks**

Further to the Memnon project, preservation of the original recordings of Bapak's talks and the master digital conversions continues in the WSA Canberra Archive. A further important development is the staged provision of high resolution mp3 derivatives of the Memnon masters to the transcription/translation team in Indonesia, for ongoing inclusion into the re-translation process of Bapak's talks.

### **Other priorities**

Archives generally continue to collect, preserve and provide managed access to the archives where resources, including ongoing preservation of Ibu Rahayu's talks and writings and other developments include:  
The organization and numbering of Subud archives into series and write the procedures manual; cataloguing the archive in the USA to an online database designed for archives for eventual use also by other archives; assessment of video collections as high priority because of obsolescence issues.

The archives team thanks all those Subud members who continue to contribute financially or support the archives in other ways inwardly or outwardly.

# Subud Publications International

2016 was a very active year for SPI, with sales of Bapak's Talks Volumes 1 to 31 amounting to 744 copies – \$11,230 (68% of our total sales turnover). Sales of Bapak's Recorded Talks in MP3 and video DVD formats and video DVDs of Ibu's talks amounted to \$1,240 (8% of our total turnover).

### **Bapak's Talks volumes project**

Three English language edition of Bapak's Talks were published during 2016:  
Volume 29 was published in March.  
Volume 30 was published in August.  
Volume 31 was published in December.

Additionally, the quality control work of the translations for Volume 32 was commenced for publication of this edition early-2017. Many of the talks for these editions have never been translated and published before. Complimentary copies of each new edition are also sent to the International Helpers.

### **Advice and Guidance for Bapak's Helpers (AGBH)**

Raymond Lee and Sharif Horthy also completed their translations for AGBH – to be checked and finalised early 2017.

### **Russian editions**

The Russian language translation team also made good progress during 2016:  
Volume 26 Printed, June 2016.  
Volume 27 Printed, December 2016.  
Translations in progress for Volume 28.

### **epubs – Bapak's Talks Volumes**

We completed 26 epub's for Bapak's Talks Volumes during 2016.

These are now available to download for iPad and Kindle from our [www.subudbooks.net](http://www.subudbooks.net) website. The remaining 5 Volumes will be completed early 2017.

## WSA Care Support Program

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During 2016, we were able to distribute 11 educational grants totalling USD 6,690 for students from primary to PhD level and also for vocational training. These educational grants were dispersed in DR Congo. We also sent eight emergency grants for hardship cases including three for medical. These were given to members in DR Congo, Ukraine and Mexico. There was also a grant for USD 3,000 to assist Caribbean pensioners which is managed by SD Canada in cooperation with SD Caribbean. These funds were distributed to elderly members and USD 500 was dedicated to setting up an emergency fund.

During the Americas Gathering, a fund of USD 1000 was created to help Venezuelan members who are facing severe economic hardship. USD 200 was used to purchase urgently needed medicine and then hand carried to Venezuela.

The rest was given to a member who lives near the Venezuelan border. He organizes the purchase of medicines to be brought into Venezuela as needed. There is a current need for USD 170 per month to maintain the purchase of much needed medicine. On the management side, we now have more reliable correspondence in some countries. Some National Committees now directly pay some hospital bills instead of giving the money to the member. Control of the use of the grants is much tighter, as we are now getting better reporting from some countries. Educational scholarships are always followed by reporting from the parents or the students on their academic results and certificates of registration.

## Translator's words by Elisa Sanchez

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We are all responsible of the good use of the legacy Bapak gave us, the latihan and his talks. Bapak's and Ibu's talks are like lamps to us Subud members who choose to follow and practice the latihan kejiwaan.

We will always need to translate Bapak's and Ibu's words as language is something that changes over time. That is why is so important to use the right source -recorded talks- and as translators to be as close as possible to Bapak's and Ibu's intention. This is a continuous challenge in every talk, for all translations in all languages, and will be like that forever.

This year we can happily report on having complete the subtitle of 12 Bapak video talks in English, Spanish, French, Indonesian and Dutch. Those are 60 subtitle videos. This is a joint effort of the translators of the mention languages, proofreaders, technicians, archives, subudlibrary and SPI.

When subtitling we use final and approved translations, we improve the quality of the video image and use the sound of the microphone, this is possible thanks to the technology we have nowadays. And thanks to this technology we may recover -in terms of making the videos with an acceptable image quality- one or two more videos to add to the collection.

Quoting excerpts of Bapak's and Ibu's talks. We are preparing a standard for referencing from talks in some easy and clear guides so that we can always identify the source.

We miss Muti, her support, help and devotion to the talks.

Love,  
Elisa

# Overview

## WSA income and expenses

### Where did we get the money from?

In 2016 the member countries and zonal contributions were USD 173,000 - which is about the same as the year before. USD 100,000 came in from an Australian enterprise. We are extraordinarily grateful because this covers a fifth of our expenses. We received USD 120,000 in grants from Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF) and the Guerrand Hermes Foundation for Peace (GHFP).

Due to our fundraising campaign "Funding the future of Subud" and the matching fund of an entrepreneur, the individual donations increased. They reached us in different ways. One donation of USD 12,000 from Norway came in through MSF. As far as individual or group donations, they were sent through the countries (especially Canada and Germany) and were counted as countries' contributions. Individual donations sent directly to WSA amounted to USD 62,000. Thank you to all donors. Therefore we are grateful that the entrepreneur offered a matching fund again for all donations received in 2017.

### What did we spend the money on?

On international helpers' travel we spent USD 120,000. For the 'Media Unit' our expenses were USD 94,000. This includes translation and publication of Bapak's and Ibu's talks, the WSA Archives and History of Subud. The expenses for Care Support, Zone Support added up to USD 31,000. For Youth, Culture, Social Welfare, Health and Enterprise Services we spent USD 47,000.

For supporting services, administration and pensions USD 147,000 was spent. This includes travels of the chairs and the executive team to attend national and zonal meetings. Main purpose is to support the cooperation of all Subud entities on national and international level.

USD 69,000 of restricted funds were sent to MSF to be spent on Subud houses.

### Outlook 2017

Our main focus for 2017 are preparations for World Congress 2018. We need to focus on how we can finance all the needs of the Subud entities working together as one body for the future of Subud.

## 2016 World Subud Association Financial Activity in US Dollars

	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Income</b>				
WSA Member countries	172,900	174,284	161,162	167,727
Grants	119,804	194,689	34,507	30,000
Enterprises	100,000	100,000	100,000	102,188
Individual Members	62,166	48,405	184,955	114,281
Other Income	8	3	3	1,297
World Congress income			500,515	205,852
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>454,878</b>	<b>517,381</b>	<b>981,142</b>	<b>621,345</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
International Helper travel	119,765	130,396	77,929	125,146
Media Unit - Bapak's Talks, Archives, Translations and History of Subud	94,086	100,780	78,101	93,731
Care Support, Zone Support, Delegates to World Congress 2014	31,484	30,994	48,495	29,562
Youth, Culture, Social Welfare, Health and Enterprise Services	46,742	25,783	119,111	33,496
Subud Houses	69,989	0	0	0
Supporting Services, Administration and Pensions	147,212	193,812	132,710	138,274
World Congress costs	0	0	561,060	127,167
Currency Loss	7,700	3,147	6,100	193
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>516,978</b>	<b>484,912</b>	<b>1,023,506</b>	<b>547,569</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>-62,100</b>	<b>32,469</b>	<b>-42,364</b>	<b>73,776</b>

## WSA Balance Sheet at 31 December 2016 in US Dollars

<b>Net Assets</b>	365,712	427,812	395,343	553,484
<b>Represented by:</b>				
Unrestricted funds	167,126	156,965	214,626	214,766
Retricted funds	47,050	115,265	25,135	43,664
Designated World Congress fund	151,536	155,582	155,582	179,277
	365,712	427,812	395,343	437,707



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